# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL IDENTITY CARDS
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have considered the report of feasibility study on the National Identity Card; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS ( CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO )

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The feasibility study report has made a comprehensive examination of the feasibility of creation of an Integrated Data Base of the population for the issue of Identity Cards. It also covers all aspects relating to people`s perception and seeking their willing compliance in the system; a study of best practices in the field of National Data Base of personal identities in other countries; experience of Voters` Photo Identity Cards scheme of Election Commission of India; feasibility of utilizing census exercise for collecting information for the data base; institutional mechanism for processing this data and capture of bio-metrics etc. It has also examined the need for streamlining the registration of births and deaths at the grassroots level for ensuring that the Integrated Data Base of personal identities can be updated on a regular basis.

The report recommends corporatization of the implementation machinery in the form of a Special Purpose Body for undertaking the task of collection of bio-data of citizens and printing of National Identity Cards.